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SUBJECT: SINO-PHILIPPINE RELATIONS

1. ON INSTRUCTIONS, ROC EMBASSY MINISTER T. C. CHEN CALLED APRIL 19 ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY HUMMEL. PURPOSE OF CHEN VISIT WAS TO SOLICIT INFORMATION ABOUT PHILIPPINE APPROACHES TO PRC AND US SUPPORT FOR ROC.

2. AFTER LISTING RECENT PHILIPPINE APPROACHES TO THE PRC AND ROMUALDEZ' PEKING VISIT, CHEN SAID THEY HAD HEARD SUBJECT CAME UP DURING A CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE DEPUTY SECRETARY AND PRESIDENT MARCOS DURING THE FORMER'S RECENT MANILA VISIT. HUMMEL ASSURED CHEN THAT HE (HUMMEL) HAD BEEN PRESENT AT ALL OF THESE CONVERSATIONS AND THAT THE SUBJECT OF GOP-PRC RELATIONS HAD NOT BEEN RAISED.

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3. HUMMEL CONTINUED THAT USG HAD DONE ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO PROMPT ROMUALDEZ' PEKING VISIT ALTHOUGH ROMUALDEZ ACCREDITED TO WASHINGTON. WE WERE NOT AWARE ROMUALDEZ HAD LEFT WASHINGTON EN ROUTE TO PEKING, WERE SURPRISED TO LEARN OF HIS PEKING VISIT AND WERE UNAWARE, UNTIL FEW MINUTES BEFORE CHEN CALL, THAT ROMUALDEZ HAD IN FACT RETURNED TO WASHINGTON TWO DAYS AGO.

4. CHEN SAID GROG WAS CONCERNED ABOUT GOP APPROACHES TO PEKING AND POTENTIAL ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES FOR GROG

THROUGHOUT ASEAN NATIONS. HE THEN REQUESTED THAT WE CAUTION PHILS ON MOVING TOWARD PRC. HUMMEL REPLIED THAT, AS IS OUR PRACTICE, WE WERE WILLING TO EXPLAIN OUR POSITION TO GOP, BUT WOULD NOT GO BEYOND THAT TO SEEK TO INFLUENCE GOP POLICY.

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